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# Rewald allowed to return to L.A. <sup>46</sup>after court alters no-travel order

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Ronald Rewald once again yesterday bid "aloha" to the Islands, boarding a plane to return to his wife and children and new job in Los Angeles.

Rewald, accused of bilking 400 investors of \$22 million in an investment fraud, was allowed to leave the state by Acting Circuit Judge Daniel

Heely on condition that he contact authorities in Los Angeles daily by telephone and twice a week in person.

The order yesterday matched one approved by a federal court last week. Trial in either court is several months off.

Deputy prosecutor Peter Carlisle protested in vain, saying Rewald has been traveling freely all over the United States and "you can't keep

track of this guy."

Rewald, Carlisle said, is supposedly an indigent so poor he qualifies for a lawyer paid for by the taxpayers. But "he travels around as though he were an oil baron."

Rewald's attorney, Sam King Jr., told the court that Rewald may be charged with crimes but has not been tried or convicted and should be allowed to go to California so he can work and support his family. King said Rewald has made all his court appearances.

Outside the courtroom, Rewald said he was "grateful" for the decision because "I haven't seen my family in 14 months." He said that his airline ticket was a coupon given him by "friends who believe in me."

Rewald's company, Bishop Baldwin Rewald Dillingham & Wong, collapsed in August 1983 after Rewald attempted suicide in the wake of a television news broadcast raising questions about his operations.

He was soon arrested and charged with two counts of theft by a state grand jury. Last month, Rewald was charged with 100 counts of federal criminal violations.

Rewald insists that the CIA created and ran his company as a cover for intelligence operations, but abandoned him when it collapsed.

Rewald refused yesterday to talk about his new job. He said he prayed that he still had the job despite the questions being raised by authorities.

Heely, acting for vacationing state Judge Robert Won Bae Chang, modified Chang's earlier revocation of Rewald's permit to travel. Chang had revoked permission after he was unable to locate Rewald at a California address.

King said that was a misunderstanding caused partly by his office, because Rewald was living in a Holiday Inn while en route to a residence in Los Angeles.